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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ SANBAG to apply for Freeway Service Patrol funding

Stuck trucks and other disabled vehicles may be cleared more quickly from San Bernardino valley roads, if a new SANBAG and Caltrans-funded Freeway Service Patrol hits the highways next summer.

The Board of Directors unanimously authorized SANBAG to submit an application to Caltrans for funding the patrol, which would consist of 18 tow trucks covering 67 miles on Interstates 10, 15 and 215 and State Route 60. Caltrans would fund 80% of the program, with SANBAG contributing the remaining 20% from Measure I and federal dollars.

If approved, the tow trucks will roam the freeways during peak travel hours and provide a number of benefits, including the reduction of:

- time a disabled motorist in in unsafe conditions in traffic lanes,
- traffic delays,
- fuel consumption,
- vehicular emissions and
- secondary accidents

The program carries a cost of about \$2.2 million per year. The \$400,000 SANBAG share would be funded by Measure I, San Bernardino County's half-cent transportation sales tax, for the first two years, starting July 2003. Future SANBAG support would be secured by federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funds.

■ Board thanks employees with five years of service

SANBAG employees with five years or more of service earned kudos from the Board of Directors. Honored were: Daylene Burris, Secretary III; Pam Cinque, Secretary III; and Norm King, Executive Director. Also recognized was Victoria Baker, Transit Management Analyst, who marked 10 years of service with the agency, but was not honored at last month's meeting.

Pictured from left: Norm King, Victoria Baker, Board President Bill Postmus, Pam Cinque and Daylene Burris.



■ New projects receive federal funds

A handful of transportation projects countywide that are "ready to roll" were chosen for \$3.8 million in federal funding.

Three funding sources -- Transportation Enhancement Activities, Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and Surface Transportation Funds -- will support seven projects:

- Landscaping of the Dale Evans Parkway median in Apple Valley (\$117,711)
- Rehabilitation of the Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino (\$863,289)
- Landscaping of the William E. Leonard Interchange at Route 210 and Interstate 15 (\$719,000)
- Paving on Joshua Road in Apple Valley (\$490,000)
- Funding for future desert transit projects (\$494,230)
- Widening and bridge construction on 5th Street in Highland (\$819,000)
- Interconnecting traffic signal on Oak Glen Road and installing a signal at Yucaipa Boulevard and 13th Street, Yucaipa (\$300,000)

Down the Road ...

- Sept. 12: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 18: Alameda Corridor East Ad Hoc Committee, 10 a.m.; Plans and Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Sept. 19: Rideshare Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 20: Mountain/Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 28: Come Play on the Freeway Community Celebration for Route 210, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.